huge income-tax with the increase of its trade;

(b) if so, what are the facts thereof including the detils of assessment made and taxes realised during the last three years and also the details of taxes paid by each of the Company Directors; and

(c) what further action is being initiated to determine correctly the Company's income?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI S. M. KRISHNA)): (a) to (c) The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

Non-Recovery of loans granted to Agro-Entrepreneurs

2406. SHRI NEPALDEV BHATTACHARJEE: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) what is the total number of Agro-Entrepreneurs who have been financed by the nationalised banks for the Centrally Sponsored Scheme of Agro Service Centres-cum-Custom Service Units, year-wise during the last three years;

(b) what is the total number of Agro-Entrepreneurs against whom court cases were instituted for recovery of bank loans;

(c) what is the number of Agro-Entrepreneurs against whom court decrees have been obtained but not executed and the period for which execution has been pending and the reasons therefor ;and

(d) what is the total money spent by banks on litigation for recovery of loans to Agro-Entrepreneurs including fees paid to lawyers, T.A|D.A. and salary paid to staff engaged in litigation work and all other expenses?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI JANARDHANA POOJARY): (a) to (d) The present data collection system for banks does not yield information in the manner desired. It is felt that the time and effort required to collect this information from branches of all the nationalised banks may not commensurate with the purpose likely to be achieved. The available information about the progress of establishment of Agro Service Centres is as follows:—

Period ending	No. entertained till date	No. set up till date	No. closed down	No. in operation
March 77	4451	2704	NA	NA
,, 78	4822	2893	NA	NA
,, 79	5086	3036	NA	NA
,, 80	5205	3164	270	2295
,, 81	5534	3206	508	2698

(NA– Not Available)

Defrauding of Punjab National Bank by Officers of Bengal Potteries Ltd.

2407. SHRIMATI ILA BHATTACHARYA: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the present Executive Director and some other officials of Bengal Potteries Ltd. Calcutta were recently arrested in connection with defrauding of Punjab National Bank to the tune of Rs. 1.1 crores;

(b) if so, whether the arrested officers have been placed under suspension as required under the rules; and

(c) if not, what are reasons therefor?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI JANARDHANA POOJARY): (a) The Executive Director alongwith 6 other